

THE MORTAL THOR

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**“ALL-POWERFUL DESIRE MAKES OF THE
SONS OF MEN FOOLS EVEN OF THE WISE.”**

**- FROM “THE HIGH ONE’S LAY,”
THE ELDER EDDAS OF SAEMUND SIGFUSSON**



LOOK
INTO MY
EYES.

AND I WILL
TELL YOU THE
SECRET OF
THE GODS.



THE GODS
HAVE ALWAYS BEEN.
WHETHER HUMANITY
REMEMBERS THEM OR
NOT, THE GODS HAVE
ALWAYS WALKED
AMONG US.

GODS OF
THUNDER...GODS OF
STORY...GODS OF
KNOWLEDGE...



...AND, OF
COURSE, THE
GOD OF LIES.
THE SOULLESS
ONE.

THE
SERPENT.



AND WHY
HAVE THERE
ALWAYS BEEN
GODS? WHY WILL
THERE ALWAYS
BE GODS?

FOR THE
MORTALS WHO
NEED THEM.



BECAUSE DEEP DOWN, YOU ALL NEED
AN ANGRY GOD...A RUTHLESS KING...
A STERN FATHER. A STRONG HAND
ON YOUR NECK, TO CONTROL
YOUR DISORDERED LIVES.

DEEP
DOWN...YOU
WILL ALWAYS
KNEEL.

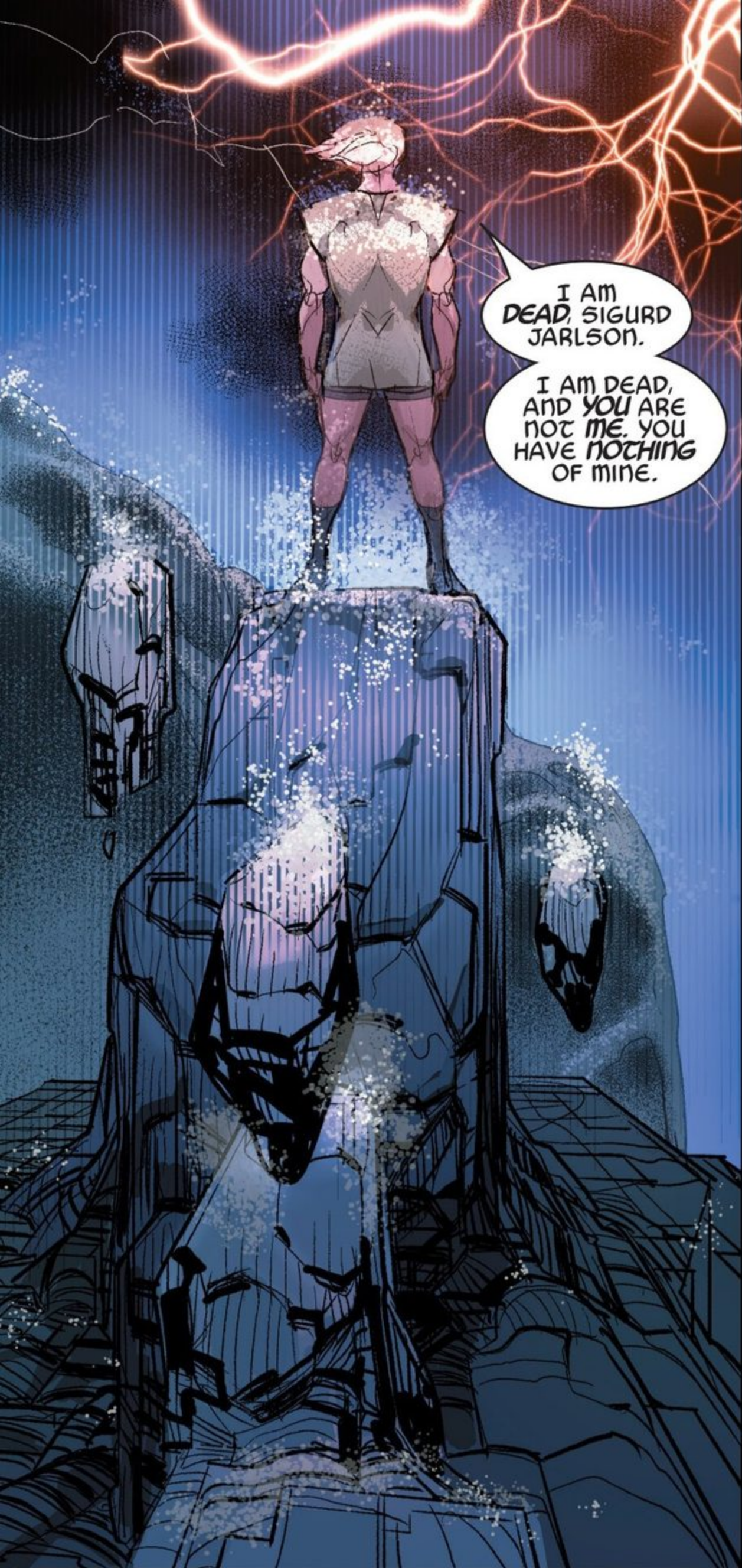


WELL?

AM I
LYING?







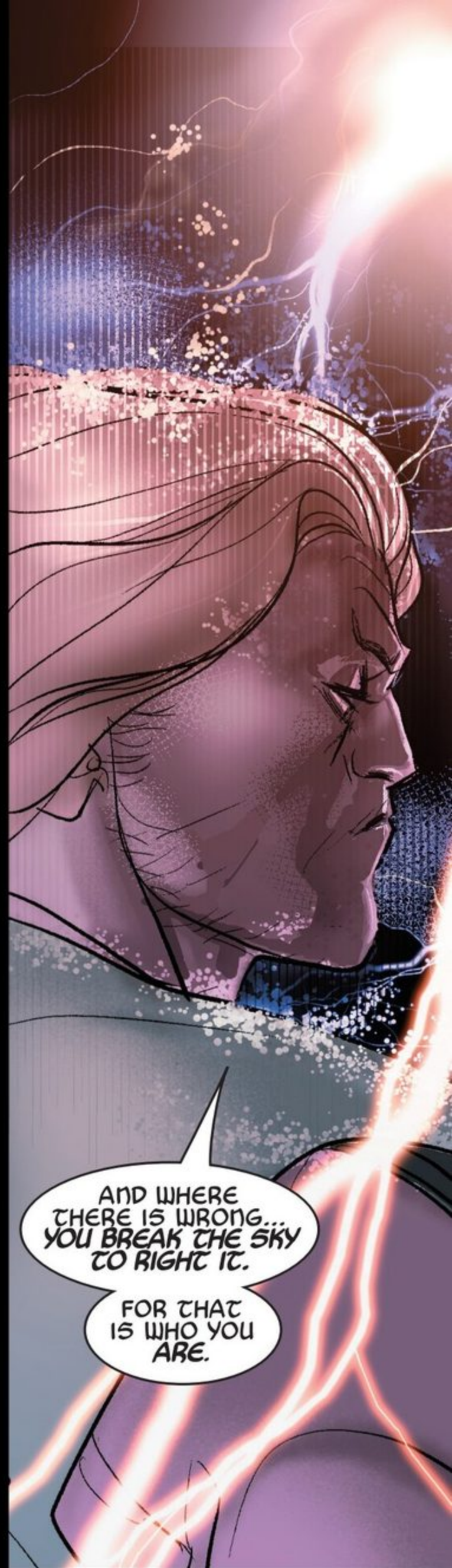
I AM
DEAD, SIGURD
JARLSON.

I AM DEAD,
AND YOU ARE
NOT ME. YOU
HAVE NOTHING
OF MINE.



IT IS
WINTER NOW,
AND ALL I WAS
IS BURIED UNDER
THE SNOW--ALL
BUT ONE
THING.

THERE
IS WRONG,
SIGURD.



AND WHERE
THERE IS WRONG...
YOU BREAK THE SKY
TO RIGHT IT.

FOR THAT
IS WHO YOU
ARE.



THAT
IS WHO WE
ARE.

NUHH!



DET VAR
BARE ET
MARERITT. TA
DEG SAMMEN,
SIGURD.

DU HAR ET
JOBBINTERVJU...



JARLSON,
HUH?



MY **UNCLE**
USED TO TALK ABOUT
A **JARLSON** WHO **WORKED**
FOR HIM. ALWAYS THOUGHT
HE MIGHT BE **SPIDER-MAN**
OR **BETA RAY BILL** OR
SOMEBODY.

YOU AIN'T
SPIDER-MAN,
ARE YA,
JARLSON?

I DO NOT
THINK I WOULD FIT
IN HIS **CLOTHES**,
MS. SAPRISTI.

ME NEITHER.
SPIDEY'S A
SCRAWNY CUSS.

SO WHAT'S
THAT ACCENT,
NORWEGIAN?

YES! YOU
ARE FIRST TO
GET IT. EVERYONE
ELSE THINKS
SWEDEN.

MY
NEIGHBOR THOUGHT
EUROPE...



DON'T GET TOO HAPPY YET, BIG
FELLA. I COULD USE ANOTHER
GOOD **IRONWORKER**--BUT IF
YOU'RE NOT TRAINED FOR
THAT, I GOT NOTHIN'
FOR YA.

STILL, IF YOU **ARE**--AND IF
YOU GOT THE **CERTIFICATION**,
A FILLED-OUT **1-9**, ALL THE
PAPERWORK READY--I
COULD MAYBE START
YOU TODAY.



I **DO** HAVE THE TRAINING, I
KNOW. I HAVE DONE THAT
WORK **BEFORE** AND
DONE IT **WELL**.

BUT...THE
PAPERWORK.





"HUH. NEW GUY'S
A NATURAL UP
THERE."



NEVER SEEN
ANYONE WITH A
HEAD FOR HEIGHTS
LIKE IT. THOUGH, UH...
WHAT'S WITH THAT
LEATHER CUFF ON
HIS WRISTS?

HE SAID
HE PICKED THEM
UP IN A THRIFT
STORE.

YEAH, IS
THAT A HEAVY
METAL THING,
OR...?



EXTRA SAFETY MEASURE. HE CLIPS
HIS BEATER ONTO HIS WRIST WITH
A LENGTH OF CORD WHEN
HE USES IT.

WAIT, THAT
THING IN HIS BAG WAS
HIS *BEATER*? THAT LITTLE
HAMMER HE'S GOT, HE
DRIVES PINS IN WITH *THAT*?

I DUNNO, JEN.
I KNOW YOU NEED A
SHORTER HANDLE UP THERE,
BUT THAT'S *SHORT*. HOW'S HE
GET A GOOD TWO-HAND SWING?



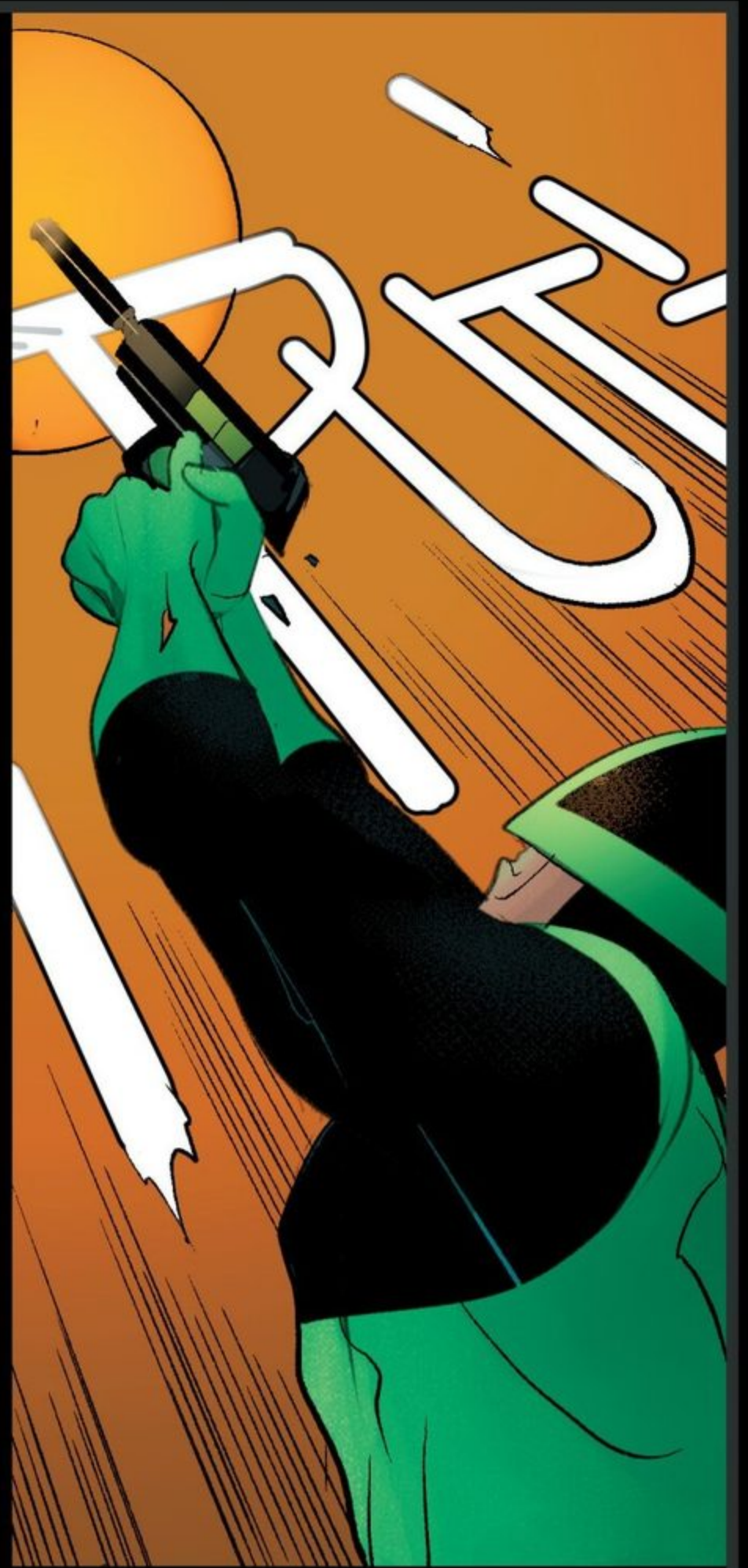
HE
DOESN'T.
ONE HAND,
BOYS.

I GOTTA
START HITTIN'
THE GYM...

OH, HEY!
HEY!



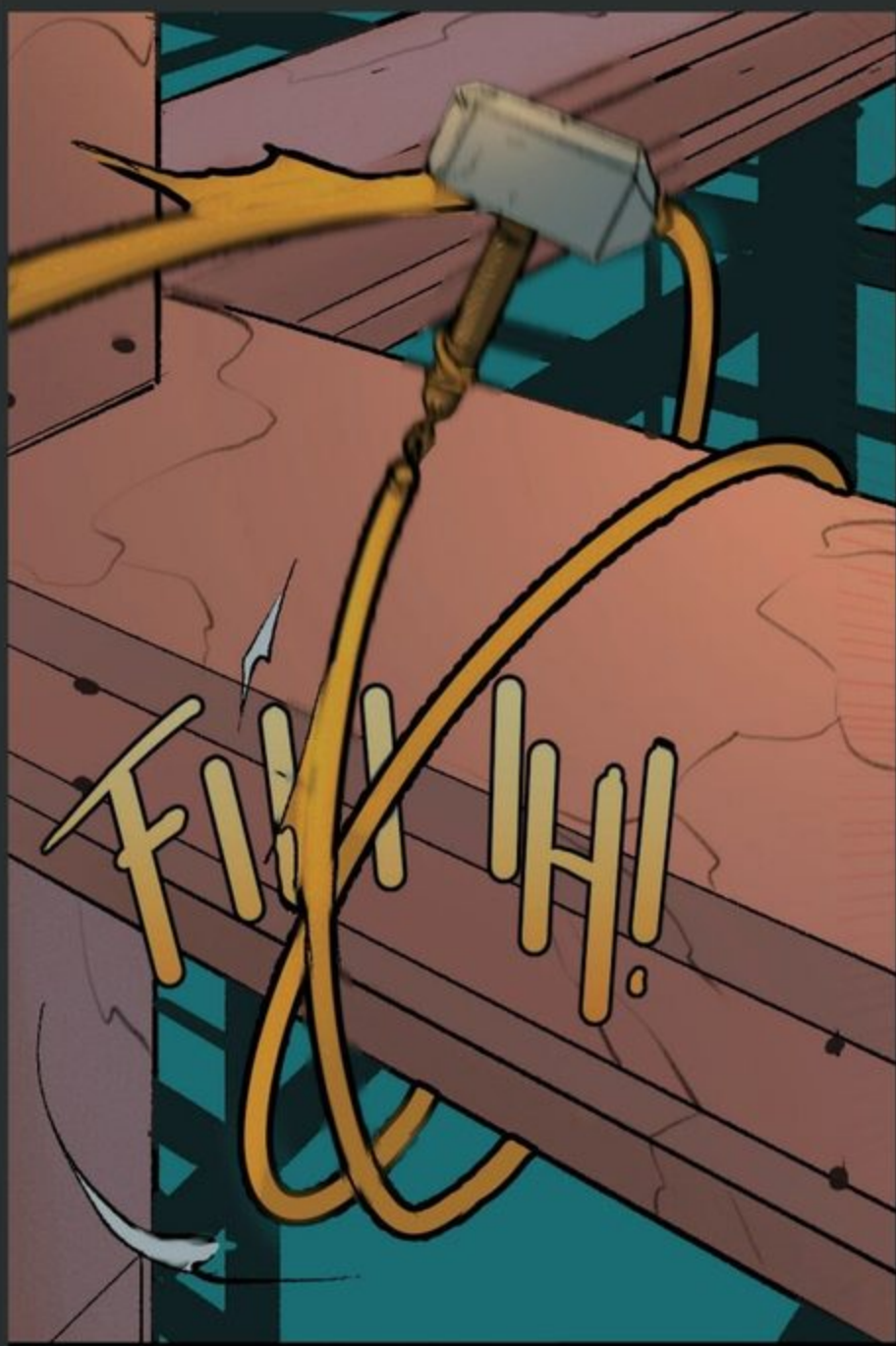




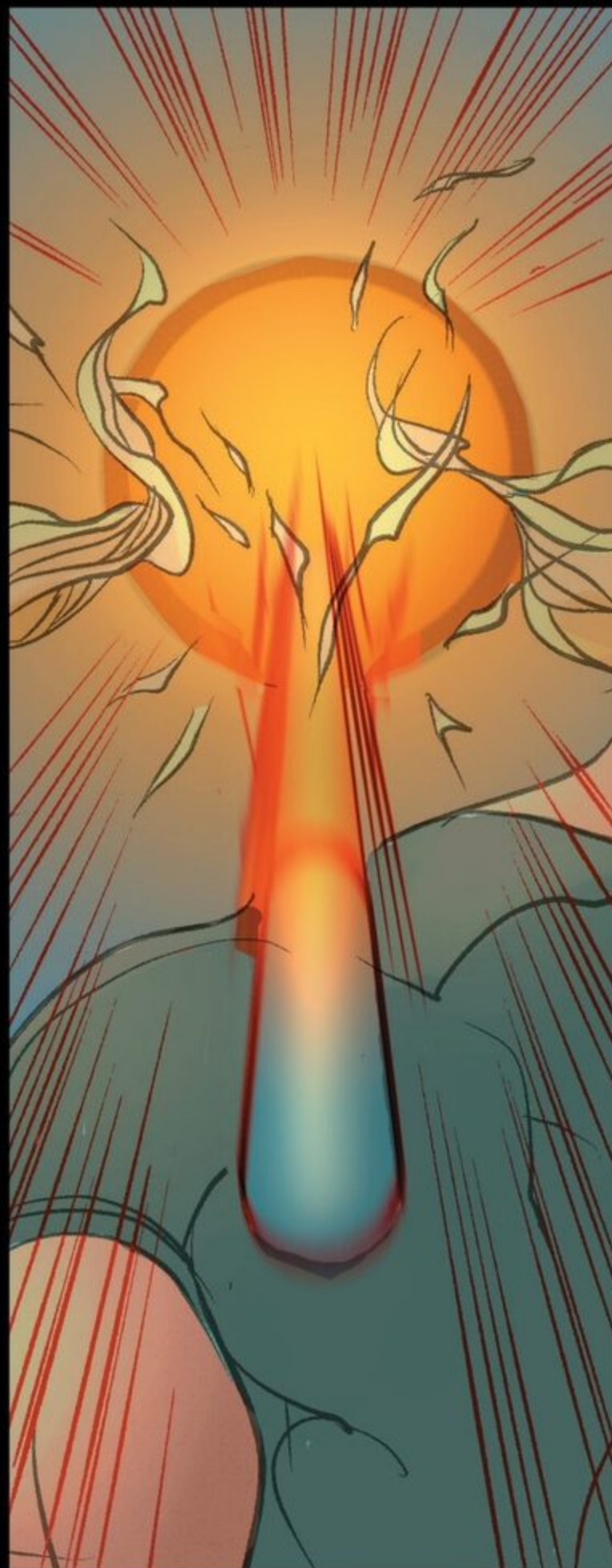
















...HELLO?

SIGURD?



YOU'RE WHERE?
THEY WHAT? ONE
PHONE CALL...?

JUST--JUST
STAY WHERE
YOU ARE. I'M
HEADING DOWN
THERE WITH
A LAWYER.



DON'T
SAY A WORD,
OKAY?

HMM.

WELL,
THAT'S NOT
GOOD...



NO.
IT IS
NOT.



OH
CRAP.

IF YOU WANTED
TO REMAIN **HIDDEN**,
YOU SHOULD NOT
HAVE USED YOUR MAGIC
ON THOSE **MORTAL**
PAPERS, LOKI. THAT
REQUIRED **KNOWLEDGE**--
KNOWLEDGE I DO
NOT HAVE.

AND
KNOWLEDGE I
DO NOT HAVE...
I SEEK OUT.



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MEANWHILE, A TALE OF ASGARD...

- With nine great realms cut off from the tenth, old enemies grew restless — and hungry eyes fell upon Asgard's empty throne.
- Ulik, Lord of Trolls, was on the march — and which hero would rise to force him back?
- And which rabbit would rise to aid that hero?
- This is the story of THE SON OF THOR... and how his great tragedy began.

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